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City of Seattle

**FAMILIES AND EDUCATION LEVY
LEVY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 8, 2011**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Burgess, Sandi Everlove, Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Julie McCoy, David Okimoto, John Pehrson, Steve Sundquist, Kevin Washington, Greg Wong

OTHERS PRESENT: Teresita Batayola (ICHS), Jolene Burgess, Didi Burpee (ICHS), Anthony Chen (ICHS), Viqui Claravall (ICHS), Ainsley Close (Mayor's Office), TJ Cosgrove (PHSKC), Jerry DeGriek (Mayor's Office), Veronica Gallardo (SPS), Ismenia Gaviria (Sea Mar CHC), Betsy Graef (Council Staff), Sherryl Grey (ICHS), Kacey Guin (OFE), Amy Halter (ICHS), Terri Johnston (Friends of SWS), Linda Juszczak (NASBHC-Wash.,DC) Patricia Lee (City Council Central Staff), James Lovell (VFA), Helene Mansfield (SPS), Michael McKee (ICHS), Holly Miller (OFE), Isabel Muñoz-Colón (OFE), Martin O'Callaghan (SWS), Robin Pfohman (PHSKC), Janet Jones Preston (SPS), Pia Sampaga (ICHS), Colin Sexton (Neighborhood House), Sid Sidorowicz (OFE), Kristi Skanderup (MSSP)

The LOC meeting was held at the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center/Seattle World School (SBOC). LOC members toured the new school-based health center (SBHC) and enrollment center at the SBOC.

TJ Cosgrove reviewed the history and process of bringing an SBHC to the SBOC. Michael McKee from International Community Health Services (ICHS) provided an overview of his organization and the work they had done to implement the new SBHC. He highlighted partnerships with multiple organizations in order to meet the needs of the diverse community at SBOC. M. McKee concluded by highlighting some of the challenges the SBHC faced during their Phase 1, which began late in the 2010-11 school year.

Kevin Washington asked if the SBHC had a medical staff person full time, five days a week, given the needs of the population. M. McKee said they were moving to a full-time person four days a week, and were working through a partnership with Country Doctor to provide services on the 5th day. Patricia Lee asked how the SBHC was integrated with the school and whether SBHC staff attended school staff meetings. M. McKee said that the SBHC staff do attend regular meetings about specific students and meet weekly with the school nurse to strategize on how to better serve students. He added that it had been easier to partner with the SBOC than with NOVA, which is co-located in the same building.

Isabel Muñoz-Colón presented 2011 achievement data on English Language Learners (ELL) in Seattle Public Schools. John Pehrson asked what a reasonable amount of time is for ELLs to be in an ELL program. I. Muñoz-Colón said that that depended on multiple factors, including your proficiency level when you enter and your level of education in your sending country. She said that if Education Northwest is awarded their grant from the Department of Education to assist districts in research, they have committed to looking at the research and state data to understand what should be expected. The goal is to create a measure that determines if each student is progressing as expected, regardless of where

they are when they enter the program. Veronica Gallardo said that SPS knows there are students stuck in the ELL program for more than 5 years, and that usually these students can speak English but continue to score low on the reading and writing portions of the test. This is because they have not developed academic English. She added that many teachers lack the training necessary to help these students gain proficiency in these areas. I. Muñoz-Colón highlighted the need for professional development for all teachers to understand strategies for helping ELL students. J. Pehrson said we need to identify programs that get students to English proficiency faster. I. Muñoz-Colón said that was the goal.

The meeting was adjourned.